



Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies
Hosted by: Portland Regional Gem & Mineral Association
"Cascade of Gems"
September 30 – Oct 2, 2022
Wingspan Event and Conference Center, Hillsboro, OR
Exhibitor Advisory and Supplemental Rules



LOCATION:

The Wingspan Event and Conference Center is located at the Westside Commons. The Wingspan is located south of Cornell Road across from the Hillsboro Airport. North of the MAX station & Park and Ride. (hint: Take the MAX and avoid the parking fees.)

SETUP:

Set-up begins Thursday, September 29th at noon and ends at 8:00 p.m.

JUDGING:

Judging starts at 9:00 a.m. Friday, September 30th. UPON ARRIVAL: Please check at the registration desk for the location of your display space, a packet with ribbons, passes, etc.

ACCOMMODATIONS:

Exhibitors may at their own expense, stay at the many nearby hotels, motels, or any camping facility.

PARKING AND DRY CAMPING:

RV parking/camping for Dealers is permitted at the Westside Commons. Tent camping is not allowed. RV camping is limited to 13 spots. RV camping fees are \$34.14 per night (this includes the Transient Lodging Tax). Requests for RV camping will be on a first come first serve basis by PRGMSA. Please contact Linda Harvey to reserve a spot if needed. Payment for RV camping is paid to PRGMSA. RV quiet time is from 10:00 p.m. until 6:00 a.m.

POTLUCK:

On Thursday evening during set-up, there will be a potluck hosted by volunteers from the five clubs that comprise the Regional. The potluck typically begins at 6:30 p.m. and food is available for all exhibitors, dealers, and volunteers.

CASE LIGHTING:

Case lighting should not exceed 150 watts per case. Please use LED lighting where possible. Exceptions may be made for special exhibits upon request to the exhibit chairperson.

ACCESS:

Your case should remain closed during the entire show. Please contact the exhibit chairperson if you need to open your case on an emergency basis during the show. A security person must be present if you open your case during the show.

KEYS TO CASES:

In classes requiring the exhibit to be opened, the exhibitor rather than the Rules Committee may elect to remove the required items for judging to the judging area and return them to the exhibit after judging is completed. Keys to cases that must be opened must be left with the Rules Chairperson or delegated assistant. Cases are to be opened in the presence of a security person.



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REMOVAL OF CASES:

At the close of the show on Sunday, there will be an announcement for all guests to leave the building. After the building is cleared, there will be an announcement for exhibitors, dealers, and show volunteers for the removal of exhibit cases, fixtures, and dealer merchandise. All exhibits must remain in place until closing time unless permission for urgent removal has been obtained from the show chairperson.

NAMES/LABELS:

Non-Competitive displays may contain your name or personalized club name badge. Please neatly identify all of the rocks, gems, fossils, jewelry, and other materials in your case to enhance the educational value to the viewer.

Below only pertains to the PRGMSA Competition & Trophies

AWARDS PRESENTATION:

There will be an awards program on Saturday at 12:00 pm (noon) in one of the conference rooms. For more information about the awards presentation, please contact the show front desk for location. Please pick up all awards at this program.

SPECIAL-COMPETITIVE TROPHIES:

Certain trophies are available to be awarded to noncompetitive exhibitors. However, for you to be eligible for a trophy, please indicate your interest in receiving a trophy in writing when filling out your exhibit registration.

COMPETITIVE TROPHIES:

The AFMS Uniform Rules Book, the 8th Edition with all updates, will govern all exhibit judging with the exception of Al Gerding Memorial (Single Faceted Stone), President's Trophy, and Mt Hood Trophy. Please write on your application that you wish to be considered for these awards.

1. An Association Award for the best display of Northwest Lapidary Material. All material must originate from within the boundaries of the Northwest Federation. Indicate on the application that you wish to be considered.
2. The Mini Cab Award for a limited number of specimens or units prepared by a novice. Please see: [Rules for PRGMSA Competitive Trophies and Special Awards](#) below.
3. The Mini Mineral Award. Please see: [Rules for PRGMSA Competitive Trophies and Special Awards](#) below.
4. The Mini Fossil Award. Please see: [Rules for PRGMSA Competitive Trophies and Special Awards](#) below.
5. The Mini Jewelry Award. Please see: [Rules for PRGMSA Competitive Trophies and Special Awards](#) below.
6. The President's Trophy award of the President's personal choice.
7. A Sweepstakes Award to the best competitive exhibit in the show. Determined by a special judging team and selected from all Master Trophy winners.



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8. The Mount Hood Trophy is presented by the Mount Hood Rock Club as a non-competitive exhibit, based on originality, showmanship, and public appeal. Not open to dealers.
9. An Association Award for the best case of Spheres in the show displayed by a Non Dealer.
10. A Junior Sweepstakes Award to the best junior competitive Exhibit in the show. Determined by a special Judging Team and selected from all Rosette winners in the junior group.
11. A Junior Display Trophy presented by the Portland Regional to the best Non-Competitive Junior case.

SPECIAL AWARDS:

1. An award to the Visiting Club with the greatest total footage of displays, based upon a percentage of membership.
2. An award to the Sponsoring Club with the greatest total footage of displays, based upon a percentage of membership.
3. The Al Gerding Memorial Award: To the best single stone faceted by a novice. Please request the rules for this award category if you plan to compete.
4. An Association Award for the best non-dealer display in the show of "All Oregon Lapidary Material" judged and awarded by the Oregon Council of Rock and Mineral Clubs. Please request the rules for this award category if you plan to compete.
5. A People's Choice Award is determined by the votes of show attendees.

RULES FOR PRGMSA COMPETITIVE TROPHIES AND SPECIAL AWARDS:

Rules for the PRGMSA competitive trophies defined in the preceding sections can be found on the PRGMSA website under the "Application to Exhibit" tab found at:
<https://portlandregionalgemandmineral.com/application/>